(b) whether Government have provided funds to the State Governments for implementation of the National Family Welfare Programme from this Fund;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that despite providing funds State Governments failed to implement the Programme;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps proposed for effective implementation of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The National Population Stabilisation Fund has taken concrete shape as the Janasankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) and has been registered as an autonomous Society on 12th June 2003 under the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860). It is yet to begin its activities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.

Denial of treatment to HIV patients

2309. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HIV patients are being turned away by many hospitals across the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are reports of HIV patient being turned away by some hospitals.

The Medical Council of India (Progessional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, clearly states that no physician shall arbitrary refuse treatment to a patients. These regulations also provide for punishment of those medical professionals who violate these regulations.

The National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy 2002, provides that Government will strengthen anti-discrimination and other laws that protect vulnerable groups and people living with HIV/AIDS from discrimination in both the public and private sector.

The Government provides anti-retroviral drugs for post-exposure prophylaxis in public sector hospitals for health providers treating HIV/AIDS patients, in order to address health issues of occupational exposure to HIV infection.

Government has initiated intensive advocacy, sensitization and training programmes for the medical and paramedical staff so that people living with HIV/AIDS are not discriminated against, stigmatized or denied services.

Organ donation

2310. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are complaints about the Organ donation;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that forced donations are being reported; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lack of awareness of family planning in slums

2311. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a study mentioning that family planning is yet to catch on in slums;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what is the status in regard to family planning in the country?